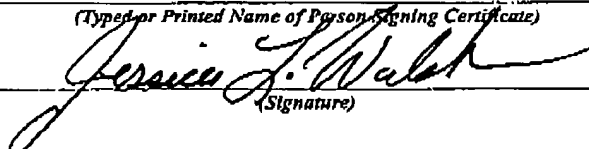


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**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

In response to the restriction requirement mailed on January 11, 2005, and in accordance with the provisions under 37 CFR § 1.115 and 1.143, the Applicants submit the following election for further prosecution on the merits:

Election:

Applicants hereby elect, without traverse, Group I, claims 1- 23, drawn to a compartment seal, classified in class 277, subclass 628.

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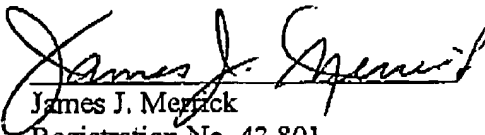
The requirement for restriction being the only issue raised in the present Office Action, this paper is fully responsive to the same. The Applicants hereby reserve the right to file a divisional application for any non-elected subject matter in this application.

In the event the Examiner has any queries regarding the presently submitted response, applicants' attorney respectfully requests the courtesy of a telephone conference to discuss any matters in need of attention. If there are any associated or additional charges with respect to this Response or otherwise, please charge them to Deposit Account No. 06-1130 maintained by the Applicant's Attorneys.

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